Blocking of storm water drains and sewer lines in Friends Colony East

2223. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Municipal Approach Road to the DDA MIG Flats at A-Block; Friends Colony East is waterlogged on account of blocking of the storm water drains and sewer lineswith earth filling on the Western Avenue of Maharani Bagh by a private house owner; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Delhi Development Authority and Delhi Municipal Corporation for the removal of these encroachments on the storm water drains and sewer lines of the MIG Flats of DDA Colony?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) MCD has intimated that storm water drain passing by the side of the Western Avenue of Maharani Bagh has been disilted and there is no encroachment at the existing SW drains.

Rhizobium Culture Soyabean cultivation

2224. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt. are aware that the use of Biovertilizer called 'Rhizobium culture' significantly increases the yield of Soyabean and therefore the cultivators of Madhya Pradesh, the largest Soyabean producing State of the country are very keen to use it but it is not available to them;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Govt. to meet this demand of the cultivators; and

(c) whether Govt. propose to establish a bio-technology research unit in the Soyabean producing area so that the advantage of these new scientific advancements are transferred to the field early and more effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) and (b) The beneficial effect of inoculation with specific Rhizobium (*Brady-rhizobium japonicum*) on the yield of soyabean has been well established in the soyabean growing regions of the country.

Improved cultures of Rhizobium strains are being made available by Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidayalaya (JNKVV), Jabalpur and IARI, New Delhi for their large scale multiplication. The Project Directorate of Soyabean located at Indore, JNKVV, All India Coordinated Project centres on Soyabean and Biological Nitrogen Fixation at Jabalpur, JNKVV are giving increased emphasis on isolation of improved strains of Rhizobium suited to the Soyabean cultivators grown in Madhya Pradesh.

The National Agricultural Marketing Federation, Indore, M.P. Agro-Industries Corporation and the M.P. Cooperative Oilseeds Marketing Federation undertake the multiplication distribution to the farmers and quality control programmes. The National Bio-Fertiliser Development Project initiated by the Govt. of India also has established a Regional Centre for multiplication and quality control of Rhizobium at Jabalpur.

(c) No, Sir. The existing research units in the area will cater to the research needs of the region.

Development of park in Subhadra Colony, Delhi

2225. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer